* Popularisation of improved production technologies through supply of critical inputs to the beneficiary farmers.
* Demonstration of Integrated Nutrient Managment (INM) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) technologies.
* Promotion of micro nutrients, gypsum application and bio-fertilisers.
* Promotion of sprinkler irrigation to provide life saving irrigation of pulses.
* Pilot project on tackling the menace of blue bull (Neel Gai) which has emerged as a major threat to pulse crops.
* Extension, training and mass media campaign including awards for best performing districts/states.
* Pilot project to enhance pulse productivity/production through demonstration of Technologies and Practices development if ICRISAT.

(iii) Once the National Food Security Mission-Pulses (NFSM-Pulses) becomes operational in the selected 168 pulse growing districts in 14 states of the country, the pulse programme under ISOPOM (Integrated Scheme on Pulses, Oilseeds and Maize) will cease to operate in these districts.

Pulses and Kerosene oil to slum dwellers and BPL card holders through PDS

1985. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Government of Capital State has decided to give two pulses at 25 per cent subsidized rates to slum dwellers and BPL card holders through PDS and increase monthly quota of Kerosene oil from 8 to 22 liters; and

(b) if so, what about the slum dwellers and BPL persons in other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) As reported by Government of NCT of Delhi, it has distributed channa dal and arhar dal at 25% subsidized rate *i.e* channa dal @22.74 per kg. per month and Arhar dal @ Rs. 26.03 per month per ration card to Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Juggi Resettlement Colonies (JRC) from March, 2007 to August, 2007. For distribution during subsequent period, tenders have been invited from open market. The card holders are being distributed 22 litres of Kerosene oil per month @ Rs. 9.16 per litre.

(b) To increase overall availability, Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSU) have been importing pulses for sale in the open market. It has been decided that the States and UT Governments desirous of importing pulses for distribution to ration card holders/other consumers within their respective States and Union Territories may avail of services of CPSUs/NAFED for this purpose. the CPSUs and NAFED were also advised to consider such requests of State Governments/UTs on priority basis.

PDS Kerosene oil is an allocated product. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas makes allocation to States/UTs for further distribution under the Public Distribution System (PDS) network. The quantity of PDS Kerosene Oil for distribution per card holder is decided by

concerned State and the same varies from State to State. The prices of PDS Kerosene oil vary from State to State depending upon the Sales Tax and dealers' commission.

Monthly quota of wheat allocated under APL

†1986. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether monthly quota of wheat allocated to several States under APL has been cut down during current year and previous year;

(b) if so, the names of the States affected from the said reduction alongwith the quantum of the wheat reduced;

(c) whether the States like Uttarakhand where only a nominal quantity of wheat is produced on the 80 per cent land is also amongst such States; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to increase the quota of wheat to be allocated under APL for such States having paucity of wheat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (d) The allocations of wheat have been rationalized w.e.f. June, 2006 on the basis of monthly offtake of previous three years for all the States/Union Territories to make them realistic and in line with availability of wheat in the Central Pool. The State-wise details of allocations of wheat, pre-revised and revised, are at Statement-I. (*See* below). However, keeping in view the requests received from the State Governments and to stabilise the prices of wheat in the open market, the Government has made an adhoc/additional allocation of about 15 lakh tons of APL wheat to all the States/UTs including Uttarakhand, during the period from September, 2006 to December, 2007, Statement-II (*See* below). Also, a one-time adhoc/additional allocation of 0.99 lakh tons of APL wheat has been made for all the States/UTs, including Uttarakhand, for festivals during the current year.

Statement-I

State-wise details of pre-revised and revised allocations of wheat

(In' 000 Tonnes)

Sl. No.	State/UT	(Pre-revised allocation) Monthly allocation for April/May 06		(Revised allocation) Monthly allocation for June, 2006
		Commodity	APL	APL
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Wheat	12.806	2.754
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Wheat	0.53	0.53
3.	Assam	Wheat	22.128	18.697
4.	Bihar	Wheat	91.35	1.034

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.